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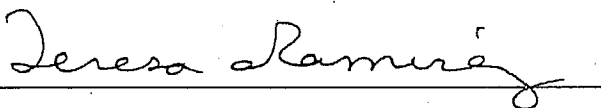
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The California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources has received a minor aquifer exemption application from ERG Operating Company LLC along with an application to initiate steam injection in the East area of Cat Canyon oil field in Santa Barbara County for the purpose of enhanced oil recovery by cyclic steam injection into historically oil-bearing sands of the Sisquoc formation. A description of the proposed project can be obtained from the Division of Oil, Gas, & Geothermal Resources, Ph. (805) 937-7246, 195 South Broadway, Ste. 101, Orcutt, CA, 93455, Attn: Ross Brunetti. Comments on this project should be submitted to the above office no later than 15 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice. Signed: Patricia A. Abel, District Deputy
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